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*Washington, D.C.*-- Today, Congressman Sires voted to fund pressing domestic needs, such as summer job programs for youth, education, and border security, as well as relief efforts abroad. The 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Act, which the House of Representatives passed on July 1, 2010 would, among other measures, provide \$10 billion for a Education Jobs Fund, \$180 million for innovative technology energy loans, and grant over \$600 million for other domestic needs in discretionary appropriations.

"This bill is a smart, flexible response to of our nation's most immediate needs," said Congressman Sires. "I am also pleased that this bill includes forward-looking measures to fund our future, like innovative technology energy loans."

In addition, this spending measure would provide \$83 million for unemployment assistance related to the Gulf oil spill and an oil spill relief emergency program. To prevent impending layoffs and increase access to college, this legislation provides emergency support to local school districts through the Education Jobs Fund and provides \$4.95 billion for the Pell Grant Program. This bill also provides \$701 for the President's plan for increased enforcement along the southern border, \$5.1 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund, and \$50 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

As part of the passage of the 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Act, the House of Representatives passed a budget enforcement resolution for fiscal year 2011. This resolution sets an overall limit on discretionary spending in next year's appropriations bills, sets the goal of returning the budget to primary balance by 2015, and reinforces the House's commitment to pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) principles. Together with the statutory PAYGO bill signed into law this year, this resolution provides a budget plan for the near term while Congress addresses a long-term budget solution.

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